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Thesen Werft, Wismar

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Attachments:

A. A report [redacted] including a sketch, on the
VEB Mathias Thesen Werft, Wismar (4 pages). 25X1

B. A report [redacted] including a sketch, on
the Port of Wismar (5 pages). 25X1

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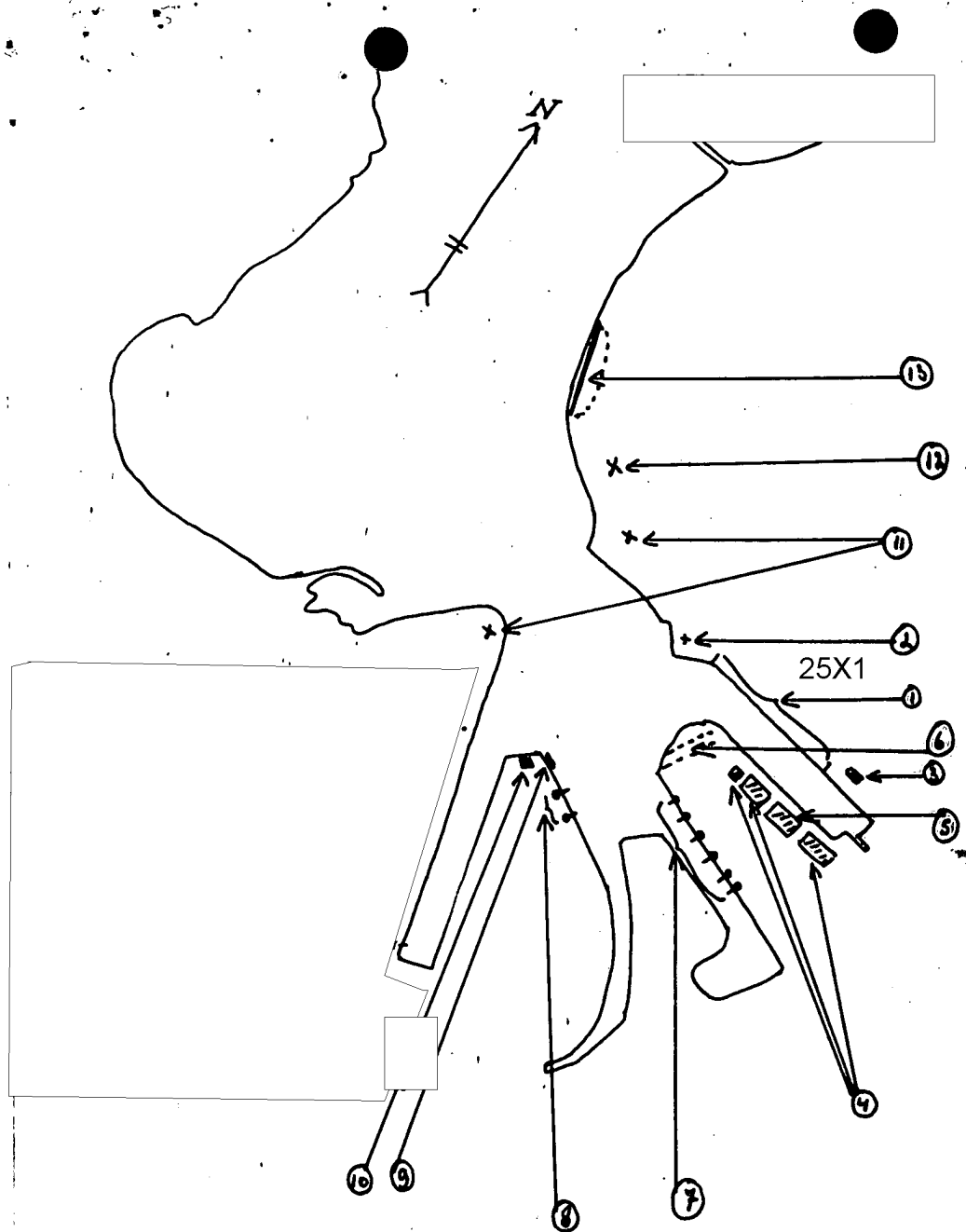
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Attachment: 1 sketch

A. Maritime/Military Information

1. Neither in Wismar nor on the searoute to Wismar were warships observed.

naval units never come to Wismar.

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2. Outside the city, several kilometers to the north is stationed a Russian garrison which is relieved about every 4 to 5 months.

B. Nautical Information

the harbor in the future would reach a depth of about 10 meters. The calcium ~~harbor~~ (industrial) harbor has already reached this depth.

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Calcium

C. Description of ~~Additional~~ Industrial Harbor

1. See also sketch and object index in attachment, points 3,4,5,6.
calcium
2. The ~~harbor~~ installation is found on point 1 of the sketch. The total length of the elevator is about 250 to 300 meters. There are 6 ~~harbor~~ portable trunks each with a ~~maximum~~ loading capacity of about 200 tons per hour. In front of the installation is a crane track ~~on~~ on which these 6 trunks are mounted. At point 2 are two ~~sheets~~ ^{chutes} for the loading of lighters and inland craft.

D. Remaining Installations

1. For hoisting cranes see points 7 and 8 on the sketch.
2. For oil loading stations see point 13 on the sketch.

E. Picture of the State of Mind of the Civilian Population:

1. Black market is increasing hand over hand. The People's Police sentries [redacted] are, in contrast to a couple of years ago, very corrupt and do their very best to engage in black market [redacted] in cigarettes, foodstuffs, and clothing. They also cooperate with civilians who try to engage in black market trade [redacted] 25X1
2. The civilian population is strikingly freer in relations and conversations [redacted] They levy more or less open criticism on the Russians and their systematic plundering of East Germany. The Police are regarded as unreliable. In the country there is more or less unrest. 25X1
3. They ~~do not work~~ ^{do not work} are not worked hard in the port. They work in three continuous gangs of 8 hours each, men as well as women harbor workers. 25X1
4. Anything may be bought for [redacted] cigarettes, tobacco, coffee and tea and clothing. Also medicines, especially penicillin, is gladly accepted as payment. [redacted] 25X1

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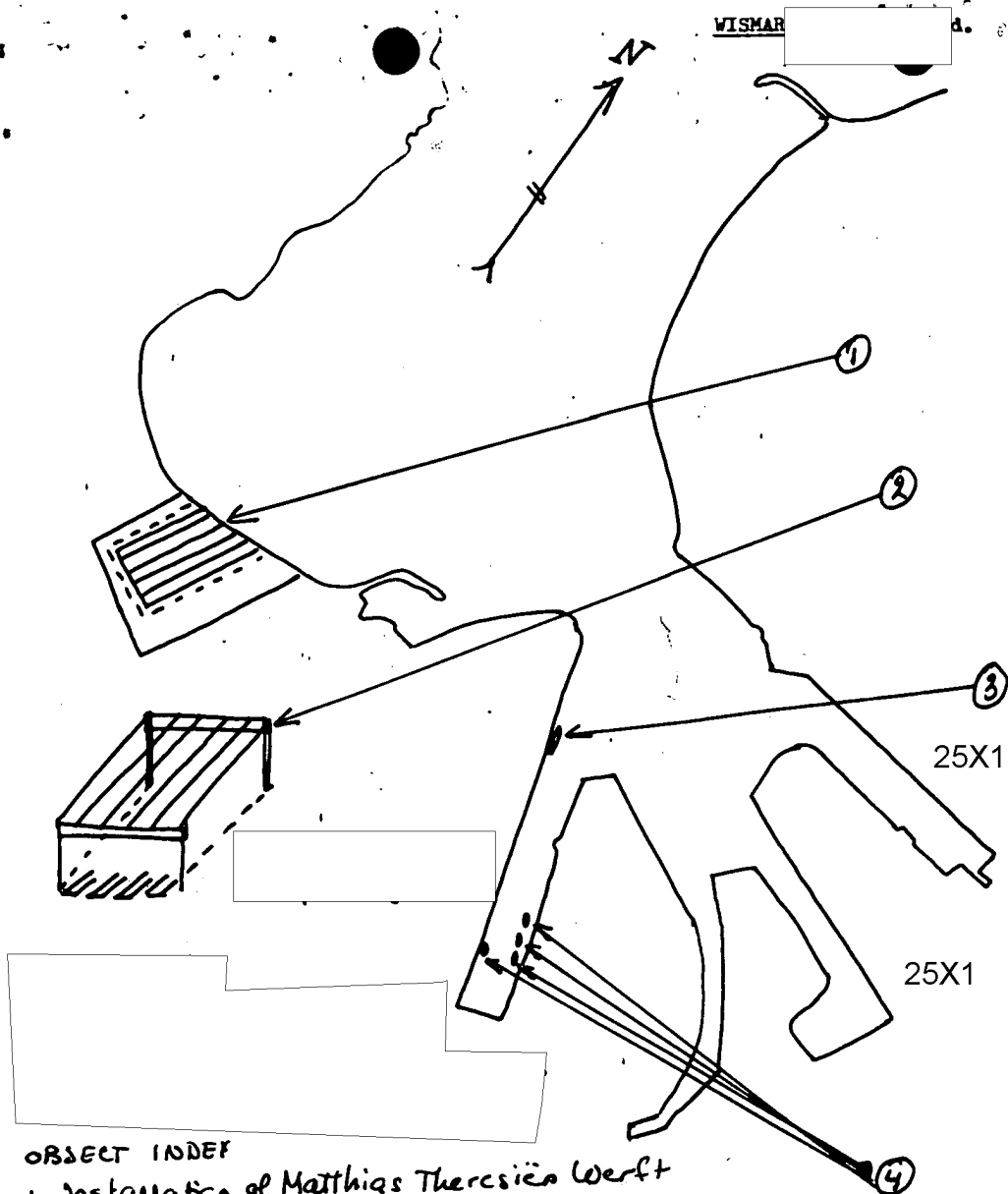
1. Calcium Factory/Installation
2. Chutes for the loading of ships
3. Storage sheds for calcium
4. Sheds for storing calcium in sacks
5. H.O. Shop
6. Bridge cranes
7. Six goose-neck cranes of 2½ to 5 tons lifting power.
8. Two goose-neck cranes of 2½ tons
9. Berth for harbor tugs
10. New building for harbor pilots
11. Observation posts for People's Police from which ships in the harbor are closely watched.
12. Storage yard pilothage as well as buoys, beacons, etc.
13. Oil loading stage with accommodation for tank cars by means of a sort of roof with trunks, from which connections lead to the ships

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OBJECT INDEX

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2. Conveyor Belt above Slips, Matth. Ther. Werft.
3. Berth of large Russian Passenger ship
4. Berth of 4 Russian River Ships under construction.

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Attachment: 1 sketch

1. The Matthias Thesenwerft is at point 1 on the sketch.
2. In the shipyard 4 to 5 slips next to each other of about 150-200 meters in length. Above these slips runs a conveyor belt (point 2 on the sketch).
3. In the shipyard river passenger ships were being built for the Russian account of the same type as are being built at the Warnow shipyard in Warnemunde. The passenger capacity of these ships is at least 500. The type is fairly flat and broad and has a high structure.
4. In the shipyard about 3000-5000 people work. 8 to 10 passenger ships of a similar type are delivered each year.
5. The shipyard ^{has} ~~is concerned with~~ repair facilities for ship motors, among other things.
6. At point 3 on the sketch lay a big Russian passenger ship (probably the former Berlin from Warnemunde).
7. On point 4 on the sketch four Russian river passenger ships are being built of the same type as described above.

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